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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A gaming machine which includes:
a simulation system for running a simulation simulating playing of a game to simulate the entire playing of a game round from start to finish, the simulation system enabling predetermined starting parameters to be set;

a comparator for comparing an end condition of [[a]] said simulation run by the simulation system in an invisible manner using the starting parameters, with a pre-calculated desired outcome of the game; and

an adjustment means for adjusting the starting parameters such that the end condition of a subsequent running of the simulation in a visible manner coincides with the end condition of the desired outcome of the game.

2. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 1 in which the simulation system is software based.

3. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 2 in which the simulation system is used as a means to drive a display of a graphical outcome for the game.

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4. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 2 which includes a control means for controlling playing of the game.

5. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 4 in which at least part of the control means includes a random number generator for generating random numbers.

6. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 5 in which the random number generator is one of a pseudo-random number generator and a hardware based random number generator.

7. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 4 in which the simulation system is implemented in the control means by a processing means.

8. (Currently amended) The gaming machine of claim 7 in which the processing means includes simulation software to perform the simulation and running of iterations of the simulation.

9. (Original) The gaming machine of claim 8 in which the simulation software sets random starting parameters for the simulation.

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10. (Currently amended) A method of displaying an outcome of a game played on a gaming machine, the method including the steps of:

setting [[predetermined]] starting parameters for a simulation of the game;

simulating an entire round of the game, based on said starting parameters, in a manner that is invisible to a user;

determining an end condition of the simulation;

deriving a desired outcome for the game;

comparing the end condition of the simulation ~~run in an invisible manner~~ using the starting parameters, with the desired outcome;

adjusting the previously set starting parameters of the simulation as a result of the [[comparison]] comparing; and

re-running the simulation in a visible manner and such that its end condition coincides with the desired outcome of the game.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 which includes setting random starting parameters for the simulation.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 11 which includes running the simulation through once until the end condition is arrived at, without displaying the end condition on a display means of the gaming machine.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 which includes performing one of a pseudo-random calculation and a truly random calculation to derive the desired outcome for the game.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 which includes, once the simulation's end condition has been arrived at and the desired outcome for the game has been determined, adjusting the starting parameters by one of a discrete amount and a mapping function.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 which includes adjusting the starting parameters using a difference between the now known end condition of the simulation and the determined, desired outcome for the game.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 which includes re-running the simulation using the new starting parameters.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 16 which includes displaying the re-running simulation as the simulation progresses.